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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment dated October 1, 2003, please find a corrected "Amendment to the claims" section beginning on page 3. The corrected section replaces the Applicants' previously submitted Amendment of September 3, 2003.

This response is being filed within the one month time period and it is believed that no fees are due. However, if any additional fees are required in connection with the filing of this paper that are not identified in any accompanying transmittal, permission is given to charge account number 18-0013 in the name of Rader, Fishman and Grauer PLLC. If the Examiner has any question or comments, she is kindly urged to call the undersigned to facilitate prosecution.

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